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Review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action

Further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 June 2000, the General Assembly established an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-third special session and elected Christine Kapalata (United Republic of Tanzania) Chairperson by acclamation.

2. The Ad Hoc Committee held ____ meetings, on 5 and _____ June 2000, to hear representatives of the United Nations system as well as observers for non-governmental organizations and to consider the question of the review and appraisal of progress made in the implementation of the 12 critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action (agenda item 8) and the question of further actions and initiatives for overcoming obstacles to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (agenda item 9).

3. At its 1st meeting, on 5 June, the Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Aicha Afifi (Morocco), Asith Bhattacharjee (India), Patricia Flor (Germany), Misako Kaji (Japan), Sonia R. Leonce-Carryl (St. Lucia), Mónica Martínez (Ecuador), Kirsten Mlačak (Canada), Rasa Ostrauskaitė (Lithuania) and Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia) Vice-Chairpersons. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that Ms. Martínez would also serve as Rapporteur.

4. In connection with its consideration of agenda items 8 and 9, the Ad Hoc Committee had before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", on its third session and resumed third session (A/S-23/2 and Add.1 and 2).

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5. At the 1st meeting, the Chairperson made a statement.

6. A statement was also made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Mauritius made a statement on behalf of the Southern African Development Community.

8. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the Regional Manager of the World Food Programme, the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the Deputy Representative of the New York Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention and the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Director of the Human Resources Department of the International Monetary Fund, the Assistant Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Special Representative of the Director-General of the International Labour Organization and the Assistant Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

10. A statement was also made by the observer for the All India Women's Conference, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, who spoke on behalf of a number of non-governmental organizations.

11. At the _____ meeting, on _____ June 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee had an extensive exchange of views on the draft final document.

Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

12. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[To be completed]